IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

SE/S Belair Road, 327' SW of

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

The Petitioner herein requests a zoning variance from Section 203.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a free-standing sign with surface area of 40 sq. ft. per side in lieu of 15 sq. ft. per side as permitted in an R.O. zone, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

The Petitioner, by Thomas M. Keister, appeared, testified and was represented by F. Vernon Boozer, Esquire. Appearing on behalf of the Petition was Michael Miller. Appearing and testifying as Protestants were Dorothy McMann, President of Perry Hall Improvement Association, George and Edna Wilson and Sophie Raab.

Testimony indicated that the Petitioner is one of the owners of a piece of property as described on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1 which is approximately 4/10ths of an acre of ground zoned R.O. and improved with a Class A 1/2 story brick office building and occupied by the Petitioner. There is also a macadam parking lot to the rear of the building. The property is flanked on both sides by other office and retail uses, as can be determined from Baltimore County's zoning map No. NE 9G. The subject property is part of an R.O. zoning classification on an area which is

fronted by a shopping center zoned B.L. and flanked on the north and south sides of Belair Road by B.L., zoned commercial uses.

The Protestants arque vigorously against the granting of any sign variances along Belair Road because of the ongoing problems with sign pollution and the hazards to the motoring public and the esthetic issues created by sign pollution. The Zoning Commissioner is very cognizant of these issues and agrees that they are realistic concerns. However, the real issue in this case is whether or not the requirements set forth in Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. would be complied with in order to permit a larger business sign on this R.O. zoned property given the unique characteristics of this property in its location.

Section 307.1, Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) states that the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner and or Deputy Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to create variances from a sign regulation where strict compliance with the zoning regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.

In reviewing the Petition, it must be kept in mind that "{t}he standard for granting a variance. . . is . . . whether strict compliance with the regulations would result in 'practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship'; and that it should be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the Zoning regulations; and only in such manner as to grant relief without substantial injury to the public health, safety and general welfare." McLean v. Soley.

The question, therefore, is whether it was fairly debatable that the evidence shows strict compliance with the regulations would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship.

The real debate in this matter is created by the zoning that has been overlaid on this particular section of Belair Road. The B.L. zoning on three sides of this particular property creates a large section of business local operations on a major arterial street serving numerous communities in northeastern Baltimore County. The R.O. properties are disadvantaged in terms of sign regulations to those of the neighboring B.L. zoned

The Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner does not set the base zoning, nor does he set the sign areas for the different zones. The fact is that these properties are on the same road, face the same traffic and have the same needs as all the other B.L. zoned properties. The variance is demanded by the base zoning and are unique to these R.O. zoned properties.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the variances were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variances requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore Variance from Section 203.3.C.1/to allow a free-standing sign with surface area of 40 sq. ft. per side in lieu of 15 sq. ft. per side as permitted in

Description of 8717 Belair Road

Beginning for the same at a point formed by the intersection of the centerline of Belair Road and the extension of the

southwest side of Raab Avenue, said centerline of Belair Road being the same centerline as described in a deed dated May 28, 1926 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber W.P.C. 633 folio 095 and was conveyed from Ed Wilson unto John L. Kraus, thence binding on said centerline

of Belair Road, as now surveyed, South 42 degrees 32 minutes

56 seconds West 327.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said centerline South 42 degrees 32 minutes

56 seconds West 100.00 feet; thence leaving the centerline of

Belair Road South 47 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds East

Containing 0.4017 acres of land more or less.

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for Baltimore County

an R.O. zone, in accordance with the Petitioner's Exhibit No.1, is hereby

cc: Peoples Counsel

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 203.3.C.1 to allow a free-standing sign with surface area of square feet per side in lieu of 15 square feet per side as 40

Road). That road being a major artery, now five (5) lanes, traffic looking for the office for a scheduled appointment would have to impede other traffic to adequately locate the office.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm

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Address	(Type or Print Name)
City and State	Signature

F. VERNON BOOZER 8717 BELAIR RD

tract purchaser or representative to be contacted TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 THUMBS M. KEISTER City and State (301) 828-9441 8717 BSIAIR RD. BALT.

required by the Zoffing Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County.

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Baltimore County Government

Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

F. Vernon Boozer, Esquire

Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 91-428-A T & G Partnership, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Boozer:

614 Bosley Avenue

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, S. Robert Haines /Zoning Commissioner

887-3353

July 15, 1991

cc: Peoples Counsel Mr. Thomas Keister

Mrs. Dorothy McMann, President, Perry Hall Improv. Assoc. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson

Mrs. Sophie Raab

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______ of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the

following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) The larger sign is necessary because the surrounding properties are all commercial, and the normal sign would not be visible enough to the public travelling Route 1 (Belair

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

	under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
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Address	(Type or Print Name)
City and State	Signature

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con-

Attorney's Telephone No.: ______ Address ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ day

County, on the ______ day of _____, 19____, at _____ o'clock J. Robert Sources

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF HEARING The Zoning The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Coi Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore Dublic hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 erue in Tows as follows:

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J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County
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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

June 4, 1991

F. Vernon Boozer, Esquire 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Item No. 407, Case No. 91-428-A Petitioner: T & G Partnership Petition for Zoning Variance

Dear Mr. Boozer:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD RETURN YOUR WRITTEN COMMENTS TO MY OFFICE, ATTENTION JULIE WINIARSKI. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS, PLEASE CONTACT HER AT 887-3391.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Thomas M. Keister T & G Partnership 8717 Belair Road Baltimore, MD 21236

Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

8th day of May, 1991.

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Petitioner: T & G Partnership, et al Petitioner's Attorney: F. Vernon Boozer

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

T & G Partnership 8717 Belair Road

Baltimore, MD 21236

Case Number: 91-428-A

8717 Belair Road

Dear Petitioner(s):

J. ROBERT HAINES ZONING COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

SE/S Belair Road, 327' SW of Raab Avenue

11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic

HEARING: FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1991 at 3:00 p.m.

Please be advised that \$ 91.30 is due for advertising and posting of the above

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. Bring the check and the sign &

post set(s) to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113,

Towson, Maiyland fifteen (15) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin.

Petitioner(s): T & G Partnership

DATE: 6 11 91

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

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May 6, 1991

Re: Baltimore County

T & G Partnership

E/S Belair Road

of Raab Avenue

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Zoning Meeting of 5-7-91

(Route 1-N) 327' South

Baltimore County Government

Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning and Zoning

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Attn: Mr. James Dyer

Dear Mr. Haines:

Thank you for your transmittal which we received on May 2nd regarding property located on Route 1-N in Baltimore County.

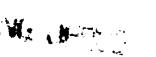
We are presently circulating this information to the various offices within the State Highway Administration for their review and comment. We will advise you of our findings and recommendations within the next few weeks.

In the interim, if you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Larry Brocato at (301) 333-1350.

> John Contestabile, Chief Engineering Access Permits

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cc: Kenneth J. Wells, Inc. Mr. J. Ogle



My telephone number is __301-333-1350 (Fax #333-1041) Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toli Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717



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Zoning Meeting of 5-7-91

May 24, 1991

Re: Baltimore County

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

T & G Partnership E/S Belair Road (MD 1-N) 327' South of Raab Avenue Attn: Mr. James Dyer (Item #407)

Baltimore County Government

Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning and Zoning

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8717 Belair Road

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Baltimore County

Zoning Commissioner of

cc: F. Vermon Boozer, Esq.

T & G Partnership

SE/S Belair Road, 327' SW of Raab Avenue

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HEARING: FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1991 at 3:00 p.m.

sq. ft. per side as permitted in an R.O. zone.

Petitioner(s): T & G Partnership

May 20, 1991

Dear Mr. Haines:

We are writing as a follow up to our previous letter of May 6th concerning the proposed at 8717 Belair Road.

After a review by our Design Department, we have determined that the plan must be revised to show proposed right-of-way along Belair Road as shown on the enclosed revised plan.

It is requested this revision be made prior to a hearing date being set.

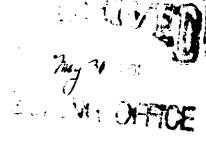
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707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner

DATE: May 10, 1991

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Frank A. Cirincione, Item No. 385
Stanley Z. Steinberg, Item No. 392
John D. Ferenchik, Item No. 396
Andrew F. David, Item No. 399
Richard J. Romano, Item No. 400
White Marsh Joint Venture, Item No. 401
Francis T. Leyden, Item No. 402
Charles A. Romano, Item No. 404
Dale J. Lohman, Item No. 405
T & G Partnership, Item No. 407

Westview Mall Association, Item No. 408
George Bromwell, Item No. 409
Hawley Rodgers, Item No. 412
Joseph Ruzza, Item No. 416
Ronald L. Morman, Item No. 418
Victor Khouzami, Item No. 422

In reference to the Petitioners' request, staff offers no comments.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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5/22/91

Baltimore County Government
Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500

(301) 887-4500

MAY 3, 1991

J. Robert Haines
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner:

T & G PARTNERSHIP

Location:

#8717 BELAIR ROAD
Zoning Agenda: MAY 7, 1991

Item No.:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

REVIEWER: Approved Approved Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division

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BURFAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: May 29, 1991

TO: Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

DM: Rahee J. Famili

SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: May 7, 1991

This office has no comments for items number 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411 and 412.

Rahee J. Famili
Traffic Engineer 11

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Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 Fast Joppa Road, Suite 901 Towson, MD, 2120+5500 (301) 887 4500

MAY 3, 1991

J. Robert Haines
Toning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: T & G PARTNERSHIP

Location: #8717 BELAIR ROAD

Item No.: 407 Zoning Agenda: MAY 7, 1991

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

REVIEWER: Att | Service | Approved | Approved | Fire Prevention Bureau | Fire Prevention Bureau | Approved | Approved | Fire Prevention Bureau | Approved | Approve

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PALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND THEEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

THE ZOROBE Advisory Committee DATE: May 6, 1991 FROM: Dennis A. Kennedv. P.F.

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 7, 1971

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject coning items and we have no comments for Items 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, and 412.

For Item 323 (Case #91-341-SPH), the previous County Review Group Meeting comments are still applicable.

For Item 397(revised), a revised County Review Group Meeting is required.

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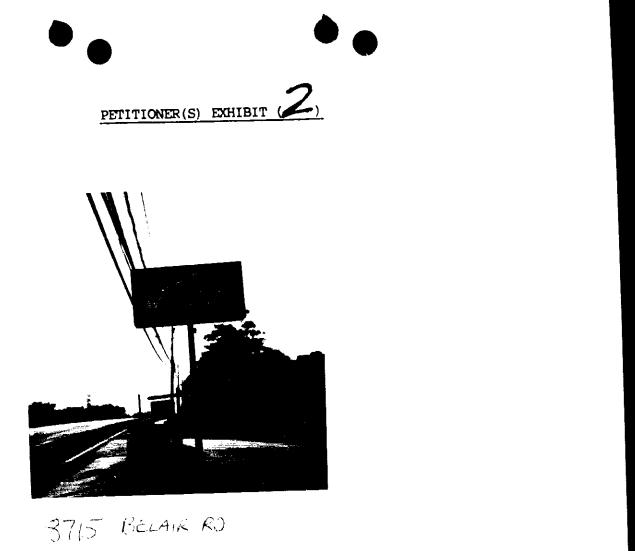
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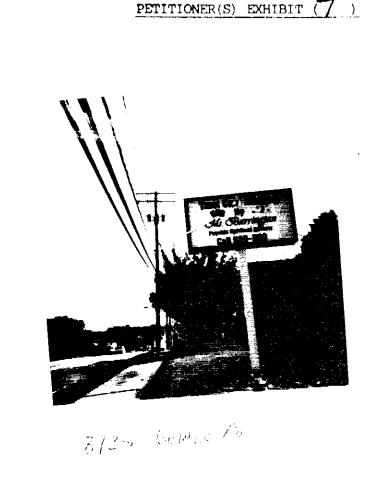
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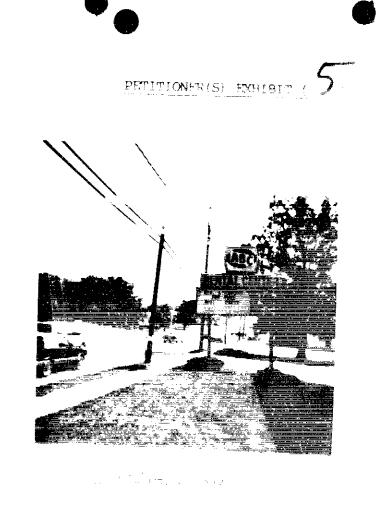
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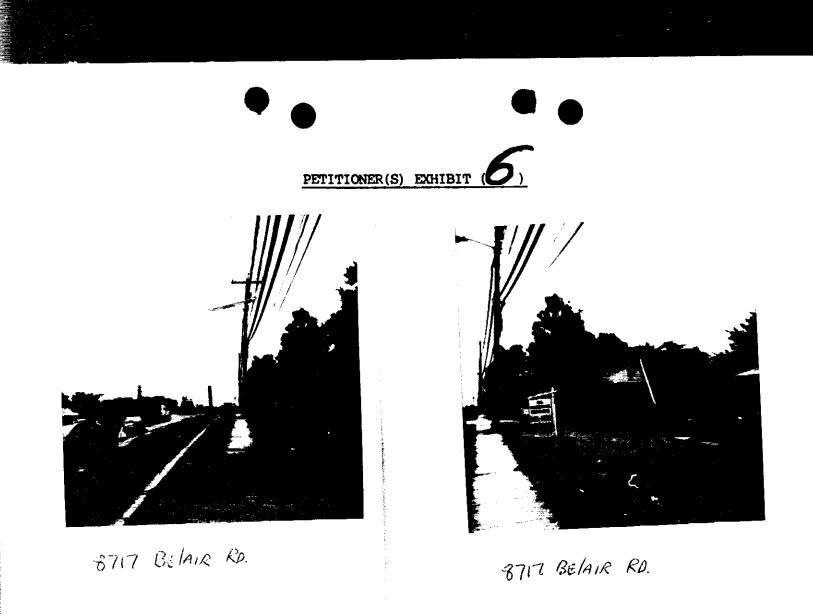
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